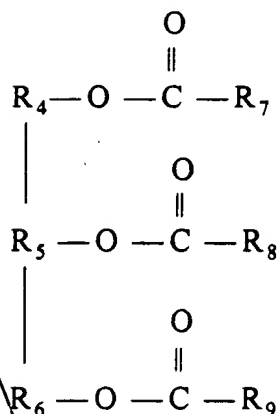


or



wherein n=1, 2, 3, and 4, and

R<sub>1</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl; R<sub>2</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene, and R<sub>3</sub> includes alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and

wherein R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> individually include alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> individually include hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl.

20. (Amended)

A gel composition, comprising:

a compound selected from the group consisting of alcohols, ethers, and combinations thereof;

and

a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof.

25. (Amended)

A method of making a gel composition, comprising:

mixing an ester compound with a polymer compound having at least one rigid block and one elastic block selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof,

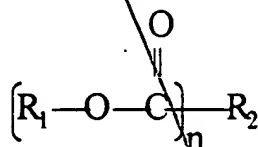
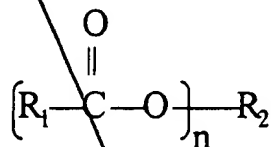
heating the mixture;

agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and

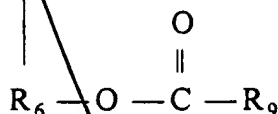
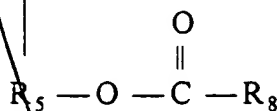
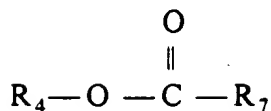
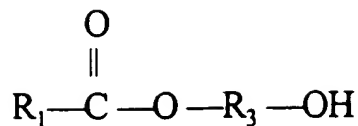
cooling the mixture,

wherein the gel composition is substantially free of mineral oils,

wherein the ester is represented by one of the following formulas:



or



wherein n=1, 2, 3, and 4, and

R<sub>1</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl; R<sub>2</sub> includes hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted phenyl, alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, and substituted phenylene, and R<sub>3</sub> includes alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and

wherein R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> individually include alkylene, phenylene, substituted alkylene, or substituted phenylene, and R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> individually include hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, phenyl, methoxyphenyl, alkylphenyl, substituted alkyl, and substituted phenyl.

26. (Amended) A method of making a gel composition, comprising:

mixing an alcohol, an ether, and combinations thereof with a polymer compound selected from the group consisting of diblock copolymers, triblock copolymers, star polymers, radial polymers, multi-block copolymers, and combinations thereof,

heating the mixture;

agitating the mixture until the mixture becomes homogeneous; and

cooling the mixture.